Electronic Immobilization Shield

511.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the standards of use, procedures, and operation of the Electronic Immobilization Shield, otherwise commonly referred to as the ICE Shield. The ICE Shield will only be deployed as part of an official cell entry team and only under the control of an ICE Shield-trained member. Personnel will not use the ICE Shield to threaten, coerce, harass, belittle, or abuse any person or inmate. Further, the ICE Shield shall not be used in any form of horseplay.

511.2 DESCRIPTION

The ICE Shield is a concave polycarbonate Shield coated with conductive strips. 303K [redacted] The ICE Shield may be operated as a standard riot shield or with the stun unit activated as an electronic immobilization and takedown device.

511.3 POLICY

No employee will be designated to operate the ICE Shield or trigger the stun mechanism without having completed the specific training module for that unit. Training will consist of a classroom and practical session on the device components and the proper use of the ICE Shield. Employees trained in ICE Shield use will have a copy of their certificate on file. A current list of ICE Shield trained employees shall be kept on file by the Staff Assistant.

511.4 CARE AND STORAGE

Those members trained and certified to use the ICE Shield will be responsible to take care of maintaining the unit. Members will ensure the ICE Shield power units, triggering mechanisms, and batteries are in good working order. If any problems or malfunctioning components are discovered, The member will immediately notify the Administrative Lieutenant and the ICE Shield will be taken out of service until repairs or replacements have been made.

511.5 DEPLOYMENT

The ICE Shield may be used, like a riot shield only, and it is not necessary to activate the stun unit. It is consistent with the manufactures training that a warning display of the ICE Shield activation is used along with verbal warnings and orders in an effort to de-escalate a situation. Any activation of the stun unit will be documented in an Incident Report and Use of Force Report to include situations resolved with just a warning display of the shock feature. In the event that any person receives any injuries as a result of the ICE Shield activation, the team Lieutenant or designee will be notified and photographs of the injuries shall be included in the Incident Report. Medical attention for injuries observed or claimed will be provided as soon as practical and safe.

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The ICE Shield may be used on any person when there is reason to believe that officers are dealing with a suspect(s) who could be a danger to officers, other inmates, the public, themselves, or the safety and/or security of the facility or facility operations. Reasons for application and/or activation of the Stun Shield may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1- To immobilize or overcome the resistance of persons who are violent or have exhibited violent behavior and who refuse to comply with lawful directives given by officers

2- To overcome the resistance of inmate(s) who refuse to exit or enter their cell area when lawfully commanded to do so.

3-To immobilize and control persons who are exhibiting uncontrollable behavior or who are self-destructive and who refuse to comply with lawful directives given by officers.

511.6 PRECAUTIONS

Officers may apply the ICE Shield, but may not activate the stun unit on any person if the officer has any reason to believe that any of the following conditions exist:

1- The person being immobilized has any known history of neurological disorders such as muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, or a history of seizures.

2- The person being immobilized has a known history of severe heart disease. (Note: The Stun Shield will not affect a heart pacemaker)

3- Any known pregnant female.

4- Any juvenile.

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